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## **Press Release Announcement – March 20, 2009 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 9 Percent From Last Year**

On March 1, 2009, Arizona had 342,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 35,000 head from a year ago and 7,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 26,000 head during February, 10,000 head less than a year ago. During February, 32,000 head were marketed, an increase of 2,000 head from last year.

On March 1, 2009, California had 460,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 85,000 head from last year and down 20,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 36,000 head during February, 24,000 head less than last year. During February, 54,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 9,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on March 1, 2009. The inventory was 5 percent below March 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.68 million, 3 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.62 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 538,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 435,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million, 5 percent below 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during February, 7 percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of February since the series began in 1996.

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